Short term loan for agricultural inputs to Rajasthan

2846. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are giving short term loans to various districts of Rajasthan for agricultural inputs; and

(b) if so, what are the names of the districts together with the amount provided to each of them during the last three years; year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Short-term loans are given to the States to enable the institutional agencies in the concerned States to organise purchase and distribution of agricultural inputs viz. fertilisers, seeds and pesticides. The following short-term loans were given to Rajasthan during the last three years:—

(Rs. crores)

Year	Short-term loan sanctioned to Rajasthan
1985-86	18 00
1986-87	7·65
1987-88	15 35

(b) Does not arise.

प्रधान मंत्री द्वारा एक पुस्तक के विमोचन से संबंधित समाचार का दूरदर्शन पर प्रसारित किया जाना

2847. **डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय :**
श्री पशुपति नाथ सुकुल :

क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि प्रधान मंत्री ने 24 अक्तूबर, 1987 को एक पुस्तक का विमोचन किया था और उसी दिन एक राज्य मंत्री द्वारा किसी दूसरी पुस्तक का विमोचन किया गया था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या राज्य मंत्री द्वारा विमोचित पुस्तक के संबंध में समाचार दूरदर्शन के राष्ट्रीय कार्यक्रमों के दोनों समाचार बुलेटिनों में प्रसारित किया गया था जबकि प्रधान मंत्री द्वारा विमोचित पुस्तक के बारे में कोई भी समाचार बिल्कुल प्रसारित नहीं किया गया ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो प्रधान मंत्री द्वारा विमोचित पुस्तक के संबंध में राष्ट्रीय कार्यक्रम के समाचार बुलेटिनों में समाचार प्रसारित न किए जाने के क्या कारण है; और

(घ) इस संबंध में क्या नीतियां है;

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अर्जुन पांजा): (क) और (ख) प्रधान मंत्री ने 24-10-87 को अपने निवास स्थान पर आयोजित एक समारोह में "अकबर महान" नामक पुस्तक का विमोचन किया था। सरकार के पास ऐसी कोई सूचना नहीं है कि किसी राज्य मंत्री ने उसी दिन किसी पुस्तक का विमोचन किया था। प्रधान मंत्री द्वारा पुस्तक का जो विमोचन किया गया था उसको दूरदर्शन के राष्ट्रीय समाचार बुलेटिनों में कवर नहीं किया गया था।

(ग) इस प्रकार के समारोहों को दूरदर्शन के समाचार बुलेटिनों में उनके सापेक्ष समाचारिक मूल्य पर निर्भर करते हुए कवर किया जाता है।

(घ) सरकार ने प्रसारण माध्यमों के लिए समाचार नीति संबंधी विशिष्ट मार्ग दर्शी सिद्धान्त निर्धारित किए हुए है। इन मार्गदर्शी सिद्धान्तों के अनुसार, प्रत्येक समाचार कहानी का आकलन सर्वथा उसके समाचारिक मूल्य के आधार पर किया जाता है।

Component Plan for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Rajasthan

2848. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Component Plan for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Rajasthan;

(b) what are the details of results achieved so far;

(c) what steps Government have taken to supervise the scheme; and

(d) what is the amount involved in the Plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Two Statements are enclosed, [*See* Appendix CXLIV, Annexure Nos. 126 and 127].

(c) The implementation of the various schemes/programmes of the State Governments for the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in their Special Component Plan and Tribal Sub-Plan is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. However, these are discussed with the representatives of State Government every year. Any problems/difficulties faced by the implementing agencies, bottle-necks and the areas needing special attention are discussed during the discussions and suitable corrective measures suggested to the State Government. These are followed up by field visits and discussions by the officers of the Ministry of Welfare with the State officials. In Rajasthan, at the State level, monitoring and review is done by SCP Cell in Directorate of Social Welfare Department and Planning Department, while the same at the district level is done by District Committees with Collector as Chairman and SC MLA as Vice-Chairman.

(d) In addition to the outlays under Special Component Plan and Tribal Sub-Plan mentioned at Annexures I & II, Special Central Assistance is also given to the State Government as an additive to the Special Component Plan and Tribal Sub-Plan, respectively. The position regarding amount of Special Central Assistance released to the Government of Rajasthan and the amount utilised is as under:—

(*Rs. in lakhs*)

Year	SCA released	
	SCs	STs
1985-86	1098.49	910.00
1986-87	1342.26	1020.00
	*	
1987-88 (tentative allocation)	952.34	1068.00

*1st instalment of Rs. 476.17 lakhs already released.

Shortage of essential commodities in the North Eastern Region

2849. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the acute shortage of essential commodities such as baby food, sugar, onions etc. in the entire North East;

(b) whether it is a fact that the shortage of essential commodities in the region is due to snapping of road and rail link with Assam by floods; and

(c) whether Government propose to maintain a water transport provision to keep the link alive even during the rainy season?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Shortages in these commodities have been reported in some parts of this region due to disruption of road and rail links.

(c) The water transport system between Calcutta and points in Assam is already in operation. The Central Inland Water Transport Corporation, a